

April 10, 2022



FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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“Rebaptized”

First off, is it even possible to be “rebaptized”? An individual is either baptized for the forgiveness of sins or they are not. So, if in consideration of one’s baptism the individual concludes that they were not baptized for the forgiveness of their sins (*for whatever reason*), then they need to be “baptized” for the first time. “Rebaptism” as we call it, is therefore not possible.

Now, to the main question, why do some people consider “rebaptism” (*which we have concluded is not even possible, properly understood as baptism for the first time when an individual realizes their supposed initial baptism was not legitimate*)?

- 1. I was too young.** Too young meaning they had not started committing sins or were too young to understand in any way what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.
- 2. I have grown and learned so much.** As is the case with most Christians, the more time we spend with God in life and in His word, the more we learn. Such learning showcases itself in greater spiritual maturity and humility. Understandably so, then, when reaches these greater depths we reconsider everything about our obedience to the Lord because errors are fatal.
- 3. My sins were much worse after baptism than before baptism.** If baptized at a young age, then you have lived a life that has been worse since baptism. How? You’ve grown up. In those growing years Satan has also stepped up his temptations he puts before you. So yes, your sins are probably worse.
- 4. I want to be sure I am saved because I have some doubts about my first baptism.** This will often be followed up with a statement like, “I’m going to be baptized again. If my first baptism wasn’t legitimate, then this one will be and I’ll be okay. And if my first baptism was legitimate, then I’m already okay and this baptism will be nothing more than me getting dunked in water.

So, what does the individual do? If you did not understand what it means to be a disciple, then be baptized with such an understanding. If upon growing up and learning more you don’t feel comfortable with your baptism, then be baptized. But also consider that growing and learning is going to happen all the time throughout your entire life. So what amount of learning must you have? That I have sin and Jesus saves. If you’ve committed egregious sins since being baptized, be reminded of the forgiveness of the blood of Jesus and repent. And if you simply doubt, wait, pray, study, and talk with those close to you. I pray this article helps in some way.

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Worship: Sunday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm; Bible Class 10:15 am

Wednesday: 6:30 pm

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM: 253 / On Line Views: 153
Sunday School: 203 / On Line Views: 62
Sunday PM: 200 / On Line Views: 92
Wednesday: 196 / On Line Views: 58
Budget: \$13,300
Contribution: \$ 16,926

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Mark Willingham and his family in the passing away of his dad, Dewey Willingham. His funeral was conducted on Friday, April 8th.

APRIL MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Jesus Gallardo (Hispanic Ministry)
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SENIOR NIGHT

On Sunday, May 1st, following evening services, we will be honoring our graduating High School Seniors; Evan Davidson, Jack Elrod, & Kailey Garrett. A table will be set up, for each graduating senior, in the Fellowship Hall, if you would like to leave a card or gift.

THANK YOU

Dear church family,

Pam, Marty, & I just want to say thanks and much love for all your prayers, calls, and concern for us the past few weeks, while I've been so sick. I'm some better, but it is going to be a long recovery period, so please keep us in your prayers every day that God will bless me as I struggle. You are wonderful people! Thanks also for the many, many beautiful cards and messages, they were a day brightner indeed! We hope to be able to see you all soon! We love you all!

Imogene James

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We are happy to announce that Michael & Tiffany Shifflet have desired to place membership here at Florence Blvd. Please welcome them into the Florence Blvd family.

WALK 4 WATER

Walk for Water is Sunday, April 24th at 2 pm at McFarland Park. If you would like to walk, please go to <https://www.hhi.org/walk4water/register/1811> to register and click on Team for Florence Blvd Church of Christ.



52 WEEK BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 15

Sunday (Epistles) 1 Cor. 13-14

Monday (The Law) Exodus 5-8

Tuesday (History) 1 Samuel 21-25

Wednesday (Psalms) Psalms 42-44

Thursday (Poetry) Job 29-30

Friday (Prophecy) Jer. 12-16

Saturday (Gospels) Mark 9-10